

St. Thomas Council Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2020

Meeting Called to Order

The regular St. Thomas Council #13861 meeting was brought to order by Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2020. There were 26 members present.

Warden

Warden Chris Gauthier attested all in attendance were in possession of a current membership card and rosary.

Decade of Rosary

Recorder John Chandonnet led the council in a decade of the rosary for Pro Life.

The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus led the council in reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Distinguished Members and Guests

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus recognized:

- Don Leeman, Maine State Ceremonials

Officer Roll Call

The Officer Roll Call was taken and recorded by Recorder John Chandonnet. Attendance was as follows:

Grand Knight	Terry Sylvanus	Present
Deputy Grand Knight	Rick Southwick	Present
Chancellor	Ron Robichaud	Absent
Chaplain	Fr. Bill Labbe	Excused
Financial Secretary	John Greenlee	Present
Recorder	John Chandonnet	Present
Warden	Chris Gauthier	Present
Treasurer	Matt Pettine	Present
Advocate	Dan Rooney	Present
Outside Guard	Rene Robichaud	Present
Inside Guard	Rob Martin	Absent
Lectorer	Br. Jerome Lessard	Absent

Three Year Trustee	Ray Sargent	Present
Two Year Trustee	Herb Littlefield	Present
One Year Trustee	Greg Semo	Absent

Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Don Leeman made a motion to accept the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. Kevin Neely noted that his wife's first name was spelled "Kathy"; it should have been spelled "Cathy". There was no further discussion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Matt Pettine stated the following receipts and disbursements:

Starting Balance:	\$6,646.89
Disbursements:	
Family of the Month	50.00
New Brother Fee	30.00
Supplies	17.95
Supplies	12.66
Maine Right to Life	<u>300.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$ 410.61
Receipts:	
Tootsie Rolls	<u>106.00</u>
Total receipts:	\$ 106.00
Ending Balance:	\$6,342.28
Less Bells	2,367.00
Less Kitchen	387.68
Available Balance:	\$3,587.69

John Chandonnet made a motion to accept the Treasurer report as presented. Rick Southwick seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary John Greenlee reported:

- 154 Total Members

- 69 Insured Members
- 78 Associate Members
- 7 Inactive
- 4 Honorary Members
- 37 Honorary Life Members
- 4 Disability Members

Rick Southwick made a motion to accept the report as presented. Gerry Newport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Chaplain Report

None given.

Membership

Membership Chairman Don Leeman requested a supply of Form-100's to be handed out to prospective members.

Grand Knight Report

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus reported:

- The Parish Food Closet is now accepting food donations. Food may be deposited at Knights of Columbus meetings or in back of the church at Holy Family Church. Food items most needed are canned beans and canned soup. Volunteers are also needed at the Food Closet.
- First Communion and Confirmation ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 and Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Holy Family Church in Sanford and St. Matthew Church in Limerick. There are presently 39 candidates.
- The St. Thomas Council will hand out gifts to all candidates.
- The Exemplification Team has two less members, as Frank Pease and Dan Rooney are relocating out of state. Two alternate team members will be brought up to replace Frank and Dan. Consequently, there will be two vacancies to fill the two alternate positions.
- A Surge report will have to be prepared every quarter for the Leave No Neighbor Behind program.
- The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council wants to establish a Knights of Columbus support organization, known as the Columbiettes, in Sanford. This organization would consist of women at least 18 years of age and are practicing Catholics. Cost is \$125 to set up. Each chapter must have at least 20 women.

- Father Bill needs support for the Parish's Online Giving program. We all need to spread the word!
- Father Bill needs two wheelchairs for use inside the church.
- St. Thomas School is looking for volunteers. Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus will get the details from St. Thomas School.
- There will be a Webinar on Fraternal Benefits on October 13, 2020. Knights attending Webinars is one of the requirements to achieve Star Council status.
- Cash Calendars are now available from K of C Maine State Council. Cost is \$10 each.
- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus is looking for ideas on fundraising activities.

Program Director Reports

- Faith Program Director Kevin Neely suggested organizing a Holy Hour and organizing a Parish Retreat for next Lent.
- Community Program Director John Chandonnet reported that the St. Thomas Council put in 369 Community Service hours.
- Life Program Director Ray Sargent will be at the Beach Special Olympics on Saturday, August 15, 2020 as a volunteer to collect money to benefit Special Olympics.

Deputy Grand Knight

- No report given.

Gerry Newport

- Gerry Newport will look into the possibility of selling raffle tickets to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for area needy children. Gerry will contact Shaw's Supermarket.

Dennis Guay

- Dennis Guay will try to secure dates at Shaw's Supermarket to hand out Tootsie Rolls to support the Tootsie Roll Drive.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

- Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus suggested that the St. Thomas Council donate \$300 to St. Thomas School. Rick Southwick made a motion that such a donation be made. Don Leeman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Remarks from District Deputy

None.

Lecturer Presentation

None given.

Knight of the Month

Jeff Russell was named Knight of the Month for the month of August 2019.
GK Terry Sylvanus had the following to say about Jeff Russell:

Our August Knight of the Month joined us in March 2020. He immediately took his 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree Exemplification at our First in the State Exemplification.

When he chose to become a Brother Knight Jeff assured me he wanted to be an active participant in our council and Jeff is just that.

Jeff is very active in the food pantry, volunteering many hours each week, taking inventories, monitoring freezer temperatures, and insuring proper rotation of food. He is also a guiding light in the proper Covid-19 procedures and safety measures. Jeff also volunteers on our church sanitizing team on Sunday mornings. He brings energy and enthusiasm along with a great desire to contribute to our council programs.

Please join me as we recognize our August Knight of the Month, Jeff Russell!

3rd Degree Knight of the Year

Grand Knight Terry Sylvanus was selected as 3rd Degree Knight of the Year for his contributions to the St. Thomas Council, as he led the council to a Star Council award. Ray Sargent presented a plaque to Terry Sylvanus.

4th Degree Knight of the Year

Dennis Guay was selected as 4th Degree Knight of the Year for his contributions to the St. Thomas Council and W. Robert Bachelder 4th Degree Assembly. Dennis is a former Grand Knight and District Deputy. Dennis Guay is currently serving as Faithful Navigator for the 4th Degree Assembly. Dennis also coordinates the Tootsie Roll drives, among all the other activities in which he's involved in both the St. Thomas Council and the W. Robert Bachelder Assembly. John Chandonnet presented a plaque to Dennis Guay.

50/50 Raffle

- Don Leeman won the 50/50 drawing. The amount was \$27. Don donated the money back to the council.

Good of the Order

Prayer petitions included:

- Bill Southwick
- Alan D.
- Joe N.
- Deacon Alex

Closing Prayers

Both the Father J. McGivney prayer and the Bill Sheehan prayer, which were recited by the council, were dedicated to the above prayer petitions.

Father Michael J. McGivney Prayer:

God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael McGivney to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your son, Jesus Christ more closely in fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his body which is the church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your Holy Will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here we make our request) through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bill Sheehan Prayer:

Glory be to you Father, Creator of the world. Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world. I exalt you Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the world. Please bless, heal and save all those on our K of C prayer line.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Officers meeting 6:30 – 7:00 pm.

Council meeting follows 7:00 to 8:00 pm